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SUBJECT: CROATIA: AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE: FEBRUARY
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As of February 17, no additional cases of H5N1 have been confirmed in Croatia. However, over the last week, there has been widespread press coverage following the discovery of dead swans in several locations in Croatia. Test results on the presence of avian influenza are not yet available, partially due to the GOC's untimely decision not to extend the lease or purchase the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) machine provided to the Veterinary Institute Lab by the Dutch government. The PCR machine has been removed by its owner (Roche), forcing the lab to use a slower, more labor-intensive method of testing samples for the presence of avian influenza. Post will report septel if avian influenza is confirmed again in Croatia.

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